

## Claims

1. An information processing apparatus as a recording command apparatus for transmitting a data recording processing request to nodes connected to a network, characterized by comprising:

5           a rule deciding condition setting unit for setting data for determining whether processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that  
10 receives the data recording processing request;

15          a packet generating unit for storing data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting unit, and for generating a data recording processing request packet that stores data for recording processing; and

20          a network interface unit for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating unit.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that:

25          said rule deciding condition setting unit is configured to execute setting processing for a probability value :  $\alpha$  as a description of recording rule deciding condition for use in determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data recording processing request; and

30          said packet generating unit is configured to execute generation processing for packets that store the probability value :  $\alpha$  as the description of recording rule deciding condition.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further comprising:

5 a data processing unit for executing FEC encoding processing and interleave processing for data for recording processing; and

10 said packet generating unit is configured to execute generation processing of a packet in which data processed by the data processing unit is set as a payload.

4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by further  
15 comprising:

a data processing unit for executing FEC encoding processing for data for recording processing, wherein the data processing unit is configured to divide the data into p blocks and to execute encoding processing  
20 of encoding rate of  $q/p$  for converting into q blocks by applying FEC encoding to thus generated p blocks, and wherein;

said rule deciding condition setting unit is configured to set a probability value :  $\alpha$  which causes  
25 to record data with a recording probability :  $\alpha$  as a description of recording rule deciding condition in a node that receives the data recording processing request, and is configured to set the probability value :  $\alpha$  so that a relation between the number of return  
30 blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta$  which is able to be calculated from a return probability :  $\beta$  specified by a reproducing

command apparatus connected to the network, the number of the encoded blocks : q, and the number of network connection nodes : n, and the number of blocks : p becomes the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta >$  the number of blocks : p.

5. An information processing apparatus as a reproducing command apparatus for transmitting a data reproducing processing request to nodes connected to  
10 a network, characterized by comprising:

a rule deciding condition setting unit for setting data for determining whether processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request;  
15 a packet generating unit for storing data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting unit, and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet that stores data for reproducing processing; and

20 a network interface unit for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating unit.

6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, characterized in that:

25 said rule deciding condition setting unit is configured to execute setting processing for a probability value :  $\alpha$  as a description of reproducing rule deciding condition for use in determining whether the processing according to the processing request is  
30 to be executed in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request; and

the packet generating unit is configured to execute generation processing for packets that store the probability value :  $\alpha$  as the description of reproducing rule deciding condition.

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7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, characterized by further comprising:

a data recovery processing unit for executing  
10 de-interleave processing and FEC decoding processing,  
wherein;

said data recovery processing unit executes the de-interleave processing and the FEC decoding processing for data for reproducing processing  
15 extracted from a packet received from a node that receives the data reproducing processing request, and recovers the data.

8. The information processing apparatus  
20 according to claim 5, characterized in that:

said data for reproducing processing stored in the node is the data divided into p blocks executed encoding processing of encoding rate of  $q/p$  for converting into q blocks by applying FEC encoding to  
25 thus generated p blocks, and

said rule deciding condition setting unit is configured to set a probability value :  $\beta$  which causes to return data with a return probability :  $\beta$  as a description of reproducing rule deciding condition in  
30 a node that receives the data reproducing processing request, and is configured to set the probability

value :  $\beta$  so that a relation between the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta$  which is able to be calculated from a recording probability :  $\alpha$  specified by a recording command apparatus connected to the network,  
5 the number of the encoded blocks :  $q$ , and the number of network connection nodes :  $n$ , and the number of blocks :  $p$  becomes the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta >$  the number of blocks :  $p$ .

10 9. An information processing apparatus characterized by comprising:

a data reception unit;  
a rule decision processing unit for determining whether data processing based on a data processing  
15 request received via the data reception unit is to be executed; and

a data processing unit for executing data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing unit, wherein;

20 the rule decision processing unit is configured to execute determination processing for determining whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on data for determination included in the data processing request  
25 received via the data reception unit.

10. The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, characterized in that:

30 said data for determination is a probability value as a rule deciding condition descriptor included in a data processing request; and

said rule decision processing unit is configured to determine whether or not the processing according to a processing request is to be executed in accordance with the probability value.

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    11. The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, characterized in that:

    10     said data for determination is a probability value as a rule deciding condition descriptor included in a data processing request; and

    15     said rule decision processing unit is configured to execute random number generation processing, and to execute determining processing for determining whether or not the processing according to a processing request is to be executed according to a result of comparison between a generated random number and the probability value.

    20     12. The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, characterized in that:

    said data for determination is data processing request storing data included in a data processing request; and

    25     said rule decision processing unit is configured to perform hash value calculation processing based on the data processing request storing data, and to execute determining processing for determining whether or not the processing according to a processing request is to be executed according to a result of 30 comparison between a calculated hash value and a setting value set in its own apparatus in advance.

13. A data recording processing method for transmitting a data recording processing request to a plurality of nodes connected to a network, and for  
5 executing distributed data recording processing for the plurality of nodes, characterized by comprising:

a rule deciding condition setting step for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node  
10 that receives the data recording processing request;

a packet generating step storing data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data recording processing request packet that stores the data for  
15 recording processing; and

a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step.

14. The data recording processing method according to claim 13, characterized in that:  
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said rule deciding condition setting step executes setting processing for a probability value :  
 $\alpha$  as a description of recording rule deciding condition for use in determining whether the processing according  
25 to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data recording processing request;  
and

said packet generating step executes generation processing for packets that store the probability  
30 value :  $\alpha$  as the description of recording rule deciding condition.

15. The data recording processing method according to claim 13, characterized in that:

5 said data recording processing method further comprises a data processing unit for executing FEC encoding processing and interleave processing for data for recording processing; and

10 said packet generating step executes generation processing of a packet in which data processed by the data processing step is set as a payload.

16. The data recording processing method according to claim 13, characterized in that:

15 said data recording processing method further comprises a data processing step for executing FEC encoding processing for data for recording processing, wherein said data processing step divides the data into p blocks and executes encoding processing of encoding rate of  $q/p$  for converting into q blocks by applying 20 FEC encoding to thus generated p blocks; and

25 said rule deciding condition setting unit sets a probability value :  $\alpha$  which causes to record data with a recording probability :  $\alpha$  as a description of recording rule deciding condition in a node that receives the data recording processing request, and sets the probability value :  $\alpha$  so that a relation between the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta$  which is able to be calculated from a return probability :  $\beta$  specified by a reproducing command apparatus connected 30 to the network, the number of the encoded blocks : q, and the number of network connection nodes : n, and

the number of blocks : p becomes the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta >$  the number of blocks : p.

17. A data reproducing processing method for  
5 transmitting a data reproducing processing request to nodes connected to a network, and for executing data reproducing processing based on return data, characterized by comprising:

10 a rule deciding condition setting step for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request;

15 a packet generating step for storing the data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet that stores specifying data of the data for reproducing processing; and

a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step.

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18. The data reproducing processing method according to claim 17, characterized in that:

25 said rule deciding condition setting step executes setting processing for a probability value :  $\beta$  as a description of reproducing rule deciding condition for use in determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request; and

30 said packet generating step executes generation processing for packets that store the probability

value :  $\beta$  as the description of reproducing rule deciding condition.

19. The data reproducing processing method  
5 according to claim 17, characterized in that:

said data reproducing processing method further comprises:

a data recovery processing step for executing de-interleave processing and FEC decoding processing;  
10 wherein said data recovery processing step executes the de-interleave processing and the FEC decoding processing for data for reproducing processing extracted from a packet received from a node that receives the data reproducing processing request, and  
15 recovers the data.

20. The data reproducing processing method according to claim 17, characterized in that:

said data for reproducing processing stored in  
20 the node is the data divided into p blocks executed encoding processing of encoding rate of  $q/p$  for converting into q blocks by applying FEC encoding to thus generated p blocks; and

said rule deciding condition setting step sets  
25 a probability value :  $\beta$  which causes to return data with a return probability :  $\beta$  as a description of reproducing rule deciding condition in a node that receives the data reproducing processing request, and sets the probability value :  $\beta$  so that a relation between  
30 the number of return blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta$  which is able to be calculated from a recording probability :

α specified by a recording command apparatus connected to the network, the number of the encoded blocks : q, and the number of network connection nodes : n, and the number of blocks : p becomes the number of return  
5 blocks :  $q \times \alpha \times n \times \beta >$  the number of blocks : p.

21. A data processing method for analyzing a data processing request received via a data reception unit, and for determining whether the data processing request  
10 is to be executed, characterized by comprising:

a rule decision processing step for determining whether data processing based on the data processing request is to be executed; and

15 a data processing step for executing data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing step, wherein;

the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on data for  
20 determination included in the data processing request received via the data reception unit.

22. The data processing method according to claim 21, characterized in that:

25 said data for determination is a probability value that is a rule deciding condition descriptor included in the data processing request; and

30 said rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in accordance with the probability value.

23. The data processing method according to claim  
21, characterized in that:

5 said data for determination is a probability value  
that is a rule deciding condition descriptor included  
in the data processing request; and

10 said rule decision processing step executes  
random number generation processing, and determines  
whether or not the processing according to the  
processing request is to be executed according to a  
result of comparison between a generated random number  
and the probability value.

24. The data processing method according to claim  
15 21, characterized in that:

said data for determination is data processing  
request storing data included in the data processing  
request; and

20 said rule decision processing step executes hash  
value calculation processing based on the data  
processing request storing data, and determines  
whether or not processing according to the processing  
request is to be executed according to a result of  
comparison between a calculated hash value and a  
25 setting value set in its own apparatus in advance.

25. A computer program for transmitting a data  
recording processing request to a plurality of nodes  
connected to a network and for executing distributed  
30 data recording processing for the plurality of nodes,  
characterized by comprising:

a rule deciding condition setting step for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node that receives the data recording processing request;

5 a packet generating step for storing the data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data recording processing request packet that stores the data for recording processing; and

10 a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step.

26. A computer program for transmitting a data reproducing processing request to nodes connected to  
15 a network and for executing data reproducing processing based on return data, characterized by comprising:

a rule deciding condition setting step for setting data for determining whether the processing according to the processing request is to be executed in a node  
20 that receives the data recording processing request;

a packet generating step for storing the data for determination set by the rule deciding condition setting step, and for generating a data reproducing processing request packet that stores specifying data  
25 for data for reproducing processing; and

a packet transmitting step for transmitting the packets generated by the packet generating step.

27. A computer program for analyzing a data processing request received via a data reception unit,  
30 and for determining whether the data processing request

is to be executed, characterized by comprising:

a rule decision processing step for determining whether the data processing based on the data processing request is to be executed; and

5 a data processing step for executing the data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing step, wherein;

the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according to the 10 processing request is to be executed based on data for determination included in the data processing request received via the data reception unit.